Programme (APDRP) for upgradation of sub-transmission system in States as a major step towards reduction of aggregate transmission and commercial losses and attaining commercial viability of the power sector. Funds are being provided to States for undertaking schemes for sub-transmission and distribution systems under the APDRP.

(v) Demand side management, energy efficiency and conservation measures.

(vi) Disbursement of loans with interest subsidy by the Power Finance Corporation for renovation and modernization of old and inefficient generating units.

(vii) Enhancement of inter-state and inter-regional power transfer by strengthening of inter-regional transmission links and finally formation of National Grid.

(viii) Exploitation of hydro potential at a faster pace.

Commercial deficit of SEBs

†357. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the economic reforms initiated by Government in Power sector;

(b) the details of the projected commercial deficit of State Electricity Boards during 2002-03 and 2003-04;

(c) whether Government have taken any steps to improve the functioning of State Electricity Boards to eliminate their deficit; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) to (d) The focus of power sector reforms is on metering of all consumers, energy audit, improvement of billing and collection efficiency, reduction of technical and commercial losses, reduction and elimination of theft of power, constitution and operationalisation of State Electricity Regulatory Commission, achievement of commercial viability in a time-bound manner.

The statement of the financial loss of the State Power Utilities for the year 2002-03 is enclosed (See below). The Utilities have not finalized their accounts for the year 2003-04.

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The Government of India has initiated various steps to revive the poor financial health of SEBs/power utilities. The Ministry of Power has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)/Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with States on power sector reform envisaging support of Central Government subject to States progressing satisfactorily on agreed reform agenda. The Union Government, in order to help the State Electricity Boards, is providing funds to States under Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP) for investment in identified disribution areas for, *inter alia,* reducing technical losses and improving the quality of supply and also for incentivising, through grants, reduction of cash losses. Past debts of SEBs due to Central Public Sector Undertakings have been securitised under tripartite agreements.

The Electricity Act, 2003 which has been enacted recently is a progressive legislation that provides for measures *inter alia* for rationalization of electricity tariff, ensuring transparent policies regarding subsidies, promotion of efficient and environmentally benign policies etc.

Statement

Financial loss of the State Power Utilities for the year 2002-03

(Rs. in crore)

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SI. No.	State	Utility	Profit/loss after tax including the subsidy booked
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	APCPDCL	14
		APEPDCL	5
		APGENCO	-42
		APNPDCL	-1
		APSPDCL	-2
		APTRANSCO	205
	sub-total		179
2.	Assam	ASEB	-696
3.	Gujarat	GEB	-922
		GSECL	14
	sub-total		-908
4.	Himachal Pradesh	HPSEB	-52
5.	Haryana	DHBVNL	-26
		HPGCL	0

1	2	3	4
		HVPNL	4
		UHBVNL	-7
	sub-total		-29
6.	Karnataka	BESCOM	22
		GESCOM	8
		HESCOM	10
		KPCL	241
		KPTCL	49
		MESCOM	11
	sub-total		341
7,	Kerala	KSEB	81
8.	Madhya Pradesh	MPSEB	N.Avl./App
9.	Maharashtra	MSEB	-255
10.	Meghalaya	MeSEB	-8
11.	Orissa	OHPC	-42
		OPGCL	182
		GRIDCO	-588
	sub-total		-448
12.	Punjab	PSEB	-436
13.	Rajasthan	AVVNL	0
		JDVVNL	0
		JVVNL	0
		RRVPNL	0
		RRVUNL	0
	sub-total		0
14.	Tamil Nadu	TNEB	-112
15.	Uttar Pradesh	UPJVNL	30
		UPPCL	-894
		UPRVUNL	-202
	sub-total		-1066
16.	West Bengal	WBPDCL	1
		WBSEB	-915
	sub-total		-914
	TOTAL:		-4323

N.Avl—Not Available

Source: Power Finance Corporations report on the performance of the State Power Utilities
for the year 2000-01 to 2002-03.

Abbreviations used

APCPDCL	-	Andhra Pradesh Central Power Distribution Company Ltd.
APEPDCL	-	Eastern Power Distribution Company of Andhra Pradesh Ltd.
APGENCO	-	Andhra Pradesh Power Generation Corporation.
APNPDCL	.-	Northern Power Distribution Company of Andhra Pradesh Ltd.
APSPDCL	-	Southern Power Distribution Company of Andhra Pradesh Ltd.
APTRANSCO	-	Andhra Pradesh Transmission Corporation Ltd.
ASEB	-	Assam State Electricity Board.
GEB	-	Gujarat Electricity Board.
GSECL	-	Gujarat State Electricity Corporation Ltd.
HPSEB	-	Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board.
DHBVNL	-	Dakshin Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam Ltd.
HPGCL	-	Haryana Power Generation Corporation Ltd.
HVPNL	-	Haryana Vidyut Prasaran Nigam Ltd.
UHBVNL	-	Uttar Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam Ltd.
BESCOM	-	Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Ltd.
GESCOM	-	Gulbarga Electricity Supply Company Ltd.
HESCOM	-	Hubli Electricity Supply Company Ltd.
KPCL	-	Karnataka Power Corporation Ltd.
KPTCL	-	Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Ltd.
MESCOM	-	Mangalore Electricity Supply Company Ltd.
KSEB	-	Kerala State Electricity Board.
MPSEB	-	Madhya Pradesh State Electricity Board.
MSEB	-	Maharashtra State Electricity Board.
OHPC	-	Orissa Hydro Power Corporation Ltd.
OPGCL	-	Orissa Power Generation Corporation Ltd.
GRIDCO	-	Grid Corporation of Orissa Ltd.
PSEB	-	Punjab State Electricity Board.
AVVNL	-	Ajmer Vidyut Vitran Nigam Ltd.
JDVVNL	-	Jodhpur Vldtut Vitran Nigam Ltd.
JVVNL	-	Jaipur Vidyut Vitran Nigam Ltd.
RRVPNL	-	Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Prasaran Nigam Ltd.
RRVUNL	-	Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Ltd.

TNEB	-	Tamil Nadu Electricity Board.
UPJVNL	-	Uttar Pradesh Jal Vidyut Nigam Ltd.
UPPC	-	Uttar Pradesh Power Corporation Ltd.
UPRVUNL	-	Uttar Pradesh Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Ltd.
SWBPDCL	-	West Bengal Power Development Corporation Ltd.
WBSEB	-	West Bengal State Electricity Board.

Share of HP in Hydel projects

†358. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government of Himachal Pradesh has made a request to the Government of India for its share in hydel projects constructed in its land by the Governments of Punjab and Haryana after the reorganization of Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, names of such hydel projects along with the percentage of share being sought therein by Himachal Pradesh; and

(c) the efforts made by the Central Government to ensure fair share of the Government of Himachal Pradesh in the projects for improving its economic status and the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SYEED): (a) Yes, Sir, requests of Government of Himachal Pradesh have been received from time to time for increased share of power and 12% free power in Bhakra-Beas Project. Himachal Pradesh is presently receiving 10 MW (1.2 lac units per day) power from Bhakra Project as Common Pool Consumer of BBMB, 2.5% share of the erstwhile State of Punjab from Bhakra Project and 15 MW (2.16 lac units per day) from Dehar Power House on *ad hoc* basis.

(b) The Government of Himachal Pradesh has claimed a share of 7.19% based on population ratio of the successor States of the erstwhile State of Punjab and allocation of 12% free power from Bhakra-Beas projects *viz.* Bhakra Nangal Project (1493.15 MW), Dehar Power House (990 MW) and Pong Power House (396 MW).

(c) An Inter-State agreement was reached amongst States of Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan and Central Government in May, 1984 wherein it was agreed that the Government of India shall refer the matter to the Supreme Court for its opinion. In order to resolve the inter-state disputes of these projects, in an amicable manner, a number of formal and informal discussions-have been taking place since 1984.

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